

KNOW before you THROW

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

February News from Howard County Recycling

Holiday Changes

Presidents' Day - Regular Curbside Collections

There will be **regular curbside collections** on [Presidents' Day](#) (February 20) and for the rest of the week. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **open**. County offices will be **closed** on **Monday, February 20**.

[Learn which holidays affect collections](#)

Yard Trim Season Closed

The curbside yard trim collection season has ended and will resume April 3



Remember! Residents in our [Feed The Green Bin](#) area receive year-round food scrap and yard trim collection!

Until the season reopens in April, yard trim can be dropped off at the [Wood Waste Area](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill or set out with curbside trash.

Be Recognized!

Is there a business or community group that is making positive environmental impacts? Nominate them for this year's **Green Awards**!



The [Business Recycling & Waste Reduction](#) award recognizes Howard County businesses for their efforts during the previous calendar year.

The [Green Community Leadership](#) award recognizes a Howard County-based community group or organization that demonstrates efforts, projects or programs that help protect Howard County's natural environment and preserve its resources.

Self nominations are permitted! The deadline for submissions in **Friday, February 24**.

Know Before You Throw: Compressed Gas Tanks



Compressed gas tanks (propane, helium, oxygen, fire extinguishers etc.) should **never** be set out for curbside collection. These tanks become a hazard to collection crews if there is residual gas inside.

Instead, drop off compressed tanks at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

Once dropped off, [Safety Tank of Maryland](#) collects the tanks, safely evacuates the remaining gas, and recycles the tanks as scrap metal. Safety Tank has been in operation since 2003 and now services all types of high and low pressure cylinders in five states. Last year over 8,205 compressed gas bottles/tanks were collected and properly handled through this program.

Did you know? There are many propane exchange programs available. Consider exchanging before recycling!

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Special Household Hazardous Waste Collection this Saturday

We will hold our second of three [Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\)](#) collection days at Alpha Ridge Landfill on **Saturday, February 4**.

Can't make it this Saturday? We'll hold one additional Saturday in the winter off-season on:



• **Saturday, March 4**

The 2023 HHW Season will resume the first Saturday in April.

[HHW Collection](#)

Merry Mulch Recap

Merry Mulch
Recycle Your Holiday Tree
Help keep thousands of trees out of the landfill.

Thank you to all who participated in our Merry Mulch holiday tree recycling!

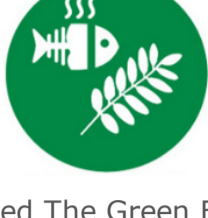
Still have a holiday tree? No worries! Live trees can still be recycled at the [Wood Waste Area](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill. Artificial trees can be recycled at our scrap metal drop-off at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#).



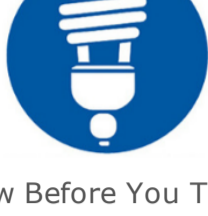
Alpha Ridge Landfill



Curbside Collections



Feed The Green Bin



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9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046
410-313-6444
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Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Normal hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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